

KENNEDY PULLED IN TWO DIRECTIONS

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DREW PEARSON: "Now, Ladies and gentlemen I can report that President Kennedy is being pulled in two opposite directions, by two groups of advisors regarding Russia. One group is a hangover from John Foster Dulles, led by his brother, Allen, which believes we must not move an inch toward improving relations with Russia until the Kremlin has moved twelve inches toward us. The other group believes that Khrushchev is so much more friendly than the old Stalin crowd and the Red Chinese and that we should meet him half way in order to strengthen his hand at home and help with mutual understanding for the future.

"Both sides put up convincing arguments, but here is my prediction as to which course President Kennedy will follow. I predict he will reject the Old John Foster Dulles policy of don't trust Russia; he will not go overboard in rushing into the arms of Khrushchev, but will move cautiously, but definitely toward matching Russian moves for better understanding. I predict he will reverse the old testament 'eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth' by trumping good deed with friendly deed and I predict the new approach will work."